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SUBJECT: BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MULDOON

IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR MEETING WITH NEW ZEALAND PRIME
MINISTER MULDOON MAY I OFFER THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. ONCE IT IS CLEAR TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE TRIP
IS BEING POSTPONED, THE QUESTION OF PUBLIC HANDLING BECOMES
CRITICAL. MULDOON WILL PRESUMABLY FOCUS ON THIS AND IF HE
DOES NOT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO STEER THE DISCUSSION IN
THAT DIRECTION. BOTH THE U.S. AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE AN
INTEREST IN AVOIDING PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE.

B. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE IN A LOW-
KEY MANNER, EITHER BY THE NEW ZEALAND FOREIGN OFFICE OR THE
STATE DEPARTMENT, THAT THE VISIT IS BEING POSTPONED AND
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THAT IF HE OR MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT COMMENT PUBLICLY OR
MAKE FURTHER CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT CARTER IT WILL BECOME

IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO AVOID SOME COMMENT.

C. YOU MAY TRY TO REAFFIRM THE STRONG U.S. INTEREST IN
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND EVEN THOUGH MULDOON MAY
NOT BE OVERLY RECEPTIVE.

D. WARREN CHRISTOPHER WILL HAVE THE DUBIOUS HONOR OF
BEING THE NEXT HIGH LEVEL VISITOR TO WELLINGTON FOR THE
ANZUS MEETING ON JULY 27-28. THIS WILL BE A TANGIBLE
DEMONSTRATION OF OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN NEW ZEALAND AND
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